Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Olaf Alexander Vedvei was born on September 29, 1925, to Samuel and Andrina Vedvei on a farm near Hetland, South Dakota, one of four children; and,

Whereas, Alec grew up working the farm with horses during the dust storm years and making hay in the dry lake bed of Lake Preston. He played basketball for the Hetland Broncos and participated in music and declam; graduating from Hetland High School in 1943; and,

Whereas, Alec married Helen McLain at Lake Preston Lutheran Church on October 30, 1955, and to that union four children were born, Jean, Alan, Charlie and Jon, who in turn blessed them with twelve grandchildren and two grandchildren-in-law; and,

Whereas, Alec actively served on the Kingsbury Electric Coop Board, East River Electric Coop Board and the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems. He served as chairman of the steering committee for what eventually became the Kingbrook Rural Water System and was instrumental in bringing rural water to Kingsbury County; and,

Whereas, Alec spent most of his adult life farming before retiring at age 60 and moving with Helen to their home in Lake Preston – although he still spends time helping sons, Al and Charlie, farm near Lake Preston; and,

Whereas, Alec, being a Lutheran, Norwegian, Democrat, graciously accepted as his only son-in-law a Republican, Catholic, Heinz 57 mix; and,

Whereas, The Governor of the State of South Dakota expresses his fondest wishes and congratulations to his favorite father-in-law as Alec observes his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on September 28, 2005, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State